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A CHEMICAL COMPOSITION FOR AIDING THE ABSORPTION, BINDING AND ELIMINATION OF UNDIGESTED FAT

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

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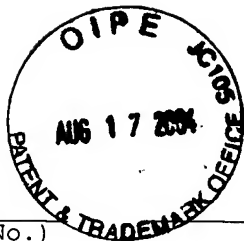
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For: **A CHEMICAL COMPOSITION FOR AIDING THE ABSORPTION, BINDING AND ELIMINATION OF UNDIGESTED FAT**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
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A CHEMICAL COMPOSITION FOR AIDING THE ABSORPTION, BINDING AND ELIMINATION OF UNDIGESTED FAT

described in

[] the specification filed herewith.

[X] application serial no. 10/796,561, filed MARCH 9, 2004

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